

MEMORANDUM

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Henry:

Memorandum was leaked to Baltimore Sun.

Rogers is trying to call the President. Eliot tells me he wants to discuss two things:

1. The urgent need to lift the embargo so that Chup and Phase I can be linked in any announcement (as you know, there is a general consensus on the need to do this).
2. The need not to have consultations with Congress on Chup occur so early that there will be leakage from Washington before the news comes from Saigon. (This has become a matter of urgency in that Thieu told Berger today that he intends to handle Chup in the most low-keyed fashion possible and announce it merely as an extension of the Kompong Cham operation but with no details). Rogers' view apparently is that Thieu will be infuriated if Congressmen leaked the fact of Chup here in Washington before the news has come from Saigon. I agree with this position.

I've told State and Defense no consultations until further word from here.

Al Haig

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American participation limited to advisers in all aspects of some American military units

*No American ground forces
No American advisors
60% of all ground forces*